(ख) 19 फरवरी, 1990 से ए-320 विमान बेड़े को ग्राउंड कर दिये जाने के कारण एयरबस ए-320 विमान चालकों को अपनी कठिनाइयों से निपटने के लिये अग्रिम राशियां दी गई है।

(ग) इसकी सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(घ) अग्रिम राशियों की वसूली/समायोजन के लिये कार्याविधि के संबंध में इंडियन एयरलाईंस के प्रबंधकों द्वारा कोई अंतिम निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।

Modernisation of Traffic Control Services

1100. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Airports Authority has formulated a plan to modernise air traffic control services for various airports;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Modernisation of Air Traffic Control services at various airports is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon projected requirements of user airlines, availability of resources, land etc.

Presently, the National Airports Authority is processing a project to modernise Air Traffic Services at Delhi and Bombay airports at an estimated cost of Rs. 210 crores.

Foreign visit by Executives of Airlines for promotion of Business

1101. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of officers/executives rank wise sent abroad or who visited various parts of the country for promotion of business in respect of Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot during 1990-91 and 1991-92, till date;

(b) what are the names of the countries/places visited by them for the purpose;

(c) what is the expenditure incurred on them on account of Air ticket, lodging and boarding and local travel expenses in the countries/places of their visit; and

(d) what is the achievement made in relation to the expenditure incurred by Government on their trips?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Complementary tickets issued by Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot

1102. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the number of complimentary tickets issued by Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot to its executives/individuals including the staff separately during 1990-91 and 1991-92 till date under the discretionary powers of Chairman/Managing Director, Minister for Civil Aviation and on the recommendation by any other authority with the name of the authority?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Ajanata and Ellora

1103. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ajanta and Ellora

are among the 13 sites recognised by the UNESCO as World Heritage sites;

(b) whether the number of tourists that visit Ellora and Ajanta caves every year is less as compared to Rajasthan, Delhi and Agra due to lack of facilities and proper publicity;

(c) whether Aurangabad does not have a modern airport, nor the necessary infrastructural facilities for tourism at Ajanta and Ellora cave sites;

(d) if so, whether Government of Maharashtra have submitted any plan to the Central Government to preserve the caves and to improve its surroundings;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) A Loan Agreement has been signed by the Government of India and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan on 9th January, 1992 for conservation and development of Ajanata and Ellora. The total cost of the project is 4406 million Japanese Yen, out of which an amount 3.745 million Japanese Yen would be made available for augmentation of infrastructure facilities and preservation and conservation of Ajanata and Ellora. The project includes modernisation of Aurangabad airport. Department of Tourism has brought out a brochure on Ajanta and Ellora which has been widely circulated both in India and abroad. Under the project, the State Government would be strengthening their publicity and marketing support.

Upgrading the Jabalpur Air Strip

1104. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken so far to upgrade the Jabalpur air strip and to provide for landing and take off facilities for Boeing aircraft; and

(b) by what time Jabalpur is likely to be placed on the air map of India again?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA (a) and (b) There are plans to extend the runway of Jabalpur (Dumna) airport to 6500 to make it suitable for Boeing-737 operations. Extension of runway and new terminal building and other associated facilities will cost about Rs. 9.00 crores. The work will commence after the Government of Madhya Pradesh hand over 29 acres of land required for the project.

Aircraft with Indian Airlines and Air India

1105. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to roll over aircraft in use with Indian Airlines and Air India after a shorter period of service than earlier contemplated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether the same has been approved in respect of any of the wto airlines and what is the precies decision of Government: and

(d) what is the number of aircraft in service that would be required to be rolled out of performance as a result of the new guidelines?